

Division of Oil and Gas

Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington Street, W293
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Herschel L. McDivitt

Director
317-232-4058
hmcdivitt@dnr.in.gov

MEMORANDUM 2006-4

To: All Indiana Oil and Gas Operators
From: Herschel McDivitt, Director
Date: July 19, 2006
Subject: Reminder of September 1, 2006 Deadline for Inactive Well Submittals

This is just a reminder that the September 1, 2006 deadline for submitting requests for temporary abandonment or deferral of well plugging for inactive wells is coming up in less than 7 weeks. The Division of Oil and Gas will commence issuing a "Warning of Non-Compliance" after September 1 for any inactive wells for which a timely temporary abandonment or plugging deferral request has not been submitted.

Operators with greater than 50 inactive wells who are intending to request an extension of time to file the appropriate requests must file their extension request no later than September 1, 2006. The extension request will only be granted if the operator has already filed temporary abandonment or plugging deferral requests on at least 30% of the operators wells that could be classified as "inactive".

Copies of the original directive of March 24, 2006 outlining the Division's enforcement strategy for inactive wells can be obtained from our website at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/dnroil/pdf/inactivewells.pdf>. Applications for Temporary Abandonment or Plugging Deferral and Fluid Level/Pressure Test Report forms are available from our website at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/dnroil/forms/index.html>.

Questions regarding this document can be directed to Jim AmRhein, jamrhein@dnr.in.gov, phone (317) 232-6961 or to me, hmcdivitt@dnr.in.gov, phone (317) 232-4058.



Herschel L. McDivitt, Director
Division of Oil and Gas